"विविध भारती" सेवा का प्रसारण

2789. **श्री सोमपाल:**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:
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क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने सम्पूर्ण भारत में "विविध भारती" सेवा का प्रसारण करने के लिए कोई नई व्यवस्था की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०पी० सिंह देव): (क) और (ख) विविध भारती सेवा का विस्तार एक सतत प्रक्रिया है। आकाशवाणी गुवाहाटी से निकट भविष्य में इस सेवा के प्रारम्भ होने से यह सेवा लगभग सम्पूर्ण देश में शार्टवेव बैंड पर उपलब्ध हो पाएगी।

Coverage of Doordarshan Network in Gujarat

2790. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Gujarat State which are not covered by Doordarshan Network so far;

(b) whether Government have received representations from the social organisations of the State to increase the coverage of Doordarshan Network in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) all the districts of Gujarat are, wholly or partially covered by the terrestrial TV service. However, about 34.5% area of the State remains uncovered.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With a view to further strengthen terrestrial TV coverage, 38 more TV transmitters are under implementation/ envisaged to be set up subject to the availability of adequate resources and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose.

Contracts to Producers for Production of Programmes

2791. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether producers who failed to produce the programmes assigned to them within the stipulated period were awarded contracts for further programmes;

(b) if so, the number of such producers and the reasons for awarding further contracts to them;

(c) whether Doordarshan pays advance payment to the producers, if so, at what rate, and how many producers have failed to submit the programmes in the last five years, yearwise;

(d) how much Government money is locked up with them and the reasons for not realising this public money from them;

(e) whether inordinate delay is also taking place in the telecasting of the programmes, the production of which has been completed and programmes received by Doordarshan;

(f) if so, the reasons for delay in telecasting the programmes; and

(g) the steps taken to tone up the working and functioning of the Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has been commissioning programmes to meet its programme requirements for over a decade now. During this period, there have been instances where certain producers were given new programmes before they completed earlier assignments. The grounds for such a decision varied from bonafide difficulties